AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-36. (cancelled)

37. (currently amended) A storage device for use with at least one article, said storage device including:

a body, said body including at least one substantially elongate backbone and at least one substantially elongate tine interconnected thereto but separated ~~there from~~ therefrom by a defined distance to form a channel adapted to receive one width at a time of the article positioned therein, and

supporting means attachable to said body, said supporting means including a handle pivotally attached to said body and moveable in relation thereto enabling the storage device to pivot between a substantially vertical orientation to a substantially horizontal orientation as required to enable the object to be received within the channel and removed from the channel, respectively as required

~~the article positioned therein, and further including supporting means attachable to said body~~.

38. (previously presented) A storage device as claimed in Claim 37 wherein the storage device optionally includes latching apparatus capable of co-operating with either or both

the backbone and the tine, to maintain the defined distance between the backbone and the tine during storage of a article by the storage device.

39. (previously presented) A storage device for use with at least one article, as claimed in Claim 37 wherein the article may include a lead, cord, rope, chain, solid sheet or elongate material.

40. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 39 wherein the storage device is configured to store, carry or use the article within or relative to the storage device.

41. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 38 wherein the elongate backbone and the tine of the body both include a free top distal end to create an opening for insertion of the article there between.

42. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 41 wherein the elongate backbone and the tine of the body include a bottom distal end which are interconnected to form the channel.

43. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 42 wherein the width of the channel formed between the backbone and the tine is defined

by the diameter, or width, of at least one article to be stored in the device.

44. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 43 wherein the width of the channel is determined to enable only one width of the article to be fed down the channel at any one time.

45. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 43 wherein where the article is a lead, subsequent looping of the lead enables further widths of the lead to be fed down the channel such that, with each subsequent loop, the section of lead within the channel sits substantially atop an adjacent previous looped section of the lead.

46. (previously presented) A storage device for use with at least one article as claimed in Claim 43 wherein the channel is substantially uniform along its length.

47. (previously presented) A storage device for use with at least one article as claimed in Claim 46 wherein the channel is substantially U-shaped.

48. (previously presented) A storage device for use with at least one article Claim 43 wherein the channel is substantially non-linear and/or non-uniform along its length.

49. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 38 wherein the latching apparatus contributes to maintaining the defined distance between the backbone and the tine during storage of the article by the storage device, by preventing the weight of the article stored within the channel from forcing the backbone and the tine to splay apart from each other.

50. (previously presented) A storage device for storing articles as claimed in Claim 49 wherein the latching apparatus is attached towards the top distal end of either the backbone, or the tine.

51. (previously presented) A storage device for storing articles as claimed in Claim 50 wherein where the latching apparatus is attached towards the top distal end of the backbone, a portion of the latching apparatus is capable of looping over the top distal end of the tine, or vice versa.

52. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 51 wherein the latching apparatus may be used as, or adapted to include, a handle for gripping the storage device in use, or for hanging the storage device when being stored.

53. (currently amended) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 37, wherein the supporting

means includes at least one of ~~a handle,~~ a bracket[[,]] and a frame.

54. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 53 wherein the handle is configured for gripping the storage device in use, or for hanging the storage device when being stored, or is operable as the latching apparatus.

55. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 51 wherein a portion of either or both the latching apparatus and the supporting means is adapted to pivot.

56. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 55 wherein the portion of the latching apparatus and/or of the supporting means are adapted to pivot through an arc of up to 360°.

57. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 56 wherein pivoting of the latching apparatus enables the latching apparatus to move between an opened orientation to a closed orientation relative to the backbone and tine.

58. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 56 wherein pivoting of a portion of the supporting means enables the backbone and tine

supported thereby, to operate between a storage position and a releasing position relative to the article stored therein.

59. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 52 wherein a portion of either or both the latching apparatus and the supporting means is adapted to rotate.

60. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 59 wherein the latching apparatus and/or the supporting means are adapted to rotate up to 360°.

61. (previously presented) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 60 wherein rotation of the latching apparatus enables the latching apparatus to be moved to latch adjacent tines in embodiments where multiple tines are included.

62. (currently amended) A storage device for storing at least one article as claimed in Claim 60 wherein rotation of the supporting means enables the backbone and tine to be rotated in any direction to release the article, specifically where the article is a lead, hose, or rope~~, or similar~~.

63. (previously presented) A storage device as claimed in Claim 42 wherein the interconnected backbone and tine are pivotally connected to enable the tine to pivot down relative to

the backbone for fast release of the article from the storage device.

64. (previously presented) A storage device as claimed in Claim 63 wherein the storage device includes tension means associated with the pivoting portions of the supporting means, the body, and/or the tine, to facilitate return of the storage device to its storage configuration following release of the article from the storage device.

65. (previously presented) A storage device as claimed in Claim 37 wherein the backbone is adapted to slide relative to the supporting means to enable the body of the storage device to be moved from a storage position up and out through at least a 90° arc to a release position for fast release of the article from the storage device.

66. (previously presented) A storage device as claimed in Claim 43 wherein the interconnected backbone and tine are adjustably connected to enable the dimensions of the channel to be adjusted relative to the dimensions of the article being stored in the storage device.

67. (previously presented) A storage device as claimed in Claim 37 wherein the tines are adapted to receive either or both additional, longer, or extendable tines removably or permanently attached to the backbone or in association with existing tines to accommodate articles of increased length.

68. (previously presented) A storage device as claimed in Claim 37 wherein additional backbones may be included from which at least one tine may extend.

69. (previously presented) A storage device as claimed in Claim 53 wherein where the supporting means includes a frame, the frame is adapted to receive optional motive means to facilitate transport of the storage device and included article to and from an area for use.

70. (previously presented) A storage device as claimed in Claim 53 wherein where the supporting means includes a bracket, one or more brackets are adapted to be affixed to support surfaces for receiving and/or relocating the body of the storage device and included article to and from an area for use.

71. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a storage device for storing at least one article, said storage device including a body, said body including at least one substantially elongate backbone and at least one substantially elongate tine interconnected thereto but separated ~~there from~~ therefrom by a defined distance to form a channel adapted to receive one width at a time of the article positioned therein, and a supporting means attachable to said body, said supporting means including at least handle means pivotally attached to said body and moveable in relation thereto enabling the storage device to pivot between a substantially vertical orientation to a

substantially horizontal orientation as required to enable the object to be received within the channel and removed from the channel, respectively as required; and

said method including the steps of:

a) manufacturing a substantially elongate backbone, which includes or is adapted to receive at least one substantially elongate tine, said at least one tine being spaced apart from said backbone by a distance defined by a width of the article to be stored therewith to create a channel for receiving the article, said backbone and at least one tine forming the body of the storage device; and

b) attaching supporting means to the body of the storage device, said supporting means including at least a handle and being moveable along said backbone to enable said body to pivot relative thereto enabling the object to be received within the channel and removed from the channel, respectively as required ~~the article positioned therein, and further including supporting means attachable to said body~~.

72. (currently amended) A method of varying [[the]] an article storage capacity of a storage device for storing either or both ~~articles such as~~ leads and ~~articles such as~~ substantially solid sheet materials ~~and the like~~, said storage device including a body, said body including a substantially elongate backbone and multiple substantially elongate tines interconnected to said backbone, [[but]] each said tine being separated from the

backbone by a defined distance to ~~each other to~~ form a channel adapted to conform to the width of the article positioned therein, ~~receive the article positioned therein, said~~ each said tine also being further separated from each other by a defined distance, [[and]] said storage device further including supporting means attachable to said backbone of the body and moveable in relation thereto enabling the storage device to pivot between a substantially vertical orientation to a substantially horizontal orientation as required to enable the object to be received within the channel and removed from the channel, respectively as required, said method including the steps of:

adapting an existing backbone to receive two or more tines;

connecting the tines to the backbone such that the tines are separated from each other and from the backbone by defined distances;

ensuring the channels created therebetween each tine and the backbone is capable of receiving the article; and

increasing the number of tines relative to the backbone thereby increasing the article storage capacity of the storage device.